

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 have been canceled. New claims 42-57 have been added. Support for the exterior layer and support for the primer adhesive layer is found in paragraphs 44 and 45 of the application as filed. Support for the use of a biostable polymer and a biodegradable polymer is found in the application at paragraphs 8 and 14 as filed. Support for the use of one or more bioactive components in the various layers of the stent is found in paragraph 54 of the application as filed. Support for the rapid release or slow release of the biologically active components is found in paragraphs 40 and 41 as filed. Support for the polymers recited in the new claims in both the biostable and the biodegradable format is found in paragraphs 14, 337 and 38 of the application as filed. The other limitations of the claims are either expressly disclosed or are inherent aspects of the drugs that provide anti-restenosis activity.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. The art does not reflect the specific two layer coating structure claimed nor the combinations of active materials in the layers.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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